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What's Going On in the Middle East?

Wednesday, May 28, at 7 pm

Archibald Bryant presents a detailed overview of the current state of affairs in the Middle East. Mr. Bryant developed and taught the Middle East History course at Evanston Township High School, has traveled extensively in the Middle East, and actively researches the many factors related to events overseas. Come to a thought-provoking discussion of current events on Wed., May 28, at 7 pm. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.**



The Prairie Brass Sextet: (standing, left to right) Jeff Phillips, Carol Dickenson, Darek Macioch; (seated, left to right) Gabe Kasperek, Chris Karabin, Randy Steinberg

SUMMER READING CLUBS

Follow the Yellow Book Road: Adult/Teen Summer Reading Club

The Summer 2003 Reading Club for adults and teens, *Follow the Yellow Book Road*, is based on *The Wizard of Oz* and runs from Monday, June 2, through Sat., August 2. A special screening of the film, *The Wizard of Oz*, will be held Sat., June 7, at 2 pm. To celebrate the end of the summer program, a concert, *Over the Rainbow*, will be held Sat., August 2, at 2 pm, featuring songs from the musical. Joining the Club is easy: just check out items (books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs) from the Morton Grove Public Library, read/listen/watch the item, and fill out a review form which will double as your entry in biweekly drawings for prizes. A total of 25 prizes will be awarded. The more items you review, the greater your chances at winning. For further information, pick up a packet at the Library beginning June 2.

Children's Summer Reading Program

It's a Mystery! Be a super sleuth and join the fun of the Children's Summer Reading Program by reading a variety of books, participating in exciting games and craft projects, watching movies, and winning great prizes. Beginning June 14, visit the Children's Room to register and find out all about the game. High school students who would like to volunteer to help with the Children's Summer Reading Program should contact Melissa Rice, Teen Librarian, at 847-965-4220.



Jazz on the Prairie by Prairie Brass Sextet

Sunday, May 18, at 2 pm

Join us for a toe-tapping concert as the Prairie Brass Sextet performs swing, ballads, and jazz standards. This group of accomplished musicians has won numerous awards in competitions for brass ensembles. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.**



COMPUTER CLASSES

Hot Tips: Investment Resources at the Morton Grove Public Library

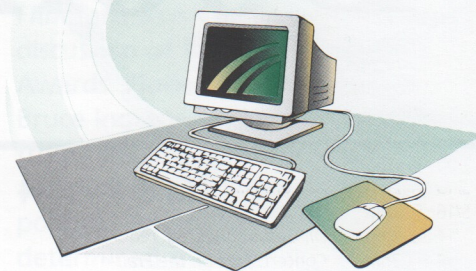
Thursday, May 29, at 7 pm

If you own or are considering purchasing stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, you will want to know about all the financial information resources available to you at the Library. Colleen Ringel, Reference Librarian, will discuss the many print and online resources which you can use to monitor your investments. Many of the online resources are available to Morton Grove card-holders on home computers at www.webrary.org/ref/remotedb.html. **Registration for the class is required; please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.**

Introduction to the Internet: a Class in Four Parts

- I. Monday, June 16, at 7 pm
- II. Monday, June 23, at 7 pm
- III. Monday, June 30, at 7 pm
- IV. Tutorials to be scheduled individually in July

The first two introductory lecture/demonstrations (6/16 and 6/23) by Jennifer Didier of Directions Training Center will include a brief background of the Internet, basic terminology, and the kinds of information available on the World Wide Web. Ms. Didier will discuss how to choose an Internet service provider and will demonstrate search techniques. In the third session, Susan McGowan, MGPL Reference Coordinator will demonstrate how to use the many features of the



Library's website, www.webrary.org. The first three portions of the course are lecture/demonstrations and registration is required. The fourth portion is a one-on-one, hands-on tutorial to be scheduled individually with a member of the Library's Reference staff during the month of July. Anyone may register for the first three sessions, but only Morton Grove Public Library card-holders are eligible for the tutorial sessions.

Over the Rainbow

Saturday, August 2, at 2 pm



Ben Lewis, pianist;
Mary Anne Riehl, vocals, and
Jim Cox, bassist

Enjoy songs from *The Wizard of Oz* and popular tunes from the 30s, 40s, and 50s as vocalist Mary Anne

Riehl performs for the *grande finale* of the Library's Summer Reading Club, on Saturday, August 2, at 2 pm. In the early 60s, Mary Anne performed on the ABC Radio show, *The Breakfast Club with Don McNeil* and appeared as a Champagne Music Lady on Lawrence Welk's TV show. Most recently, Mary Anne and her accompanists have produced a show called *Nightclub in the Afternoon* featuring a repertoire of romantic favorites. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1 pm.**

Summer Vacation Reading: Choose Your Favorites in Different Formats

Summer means vacation time, relaxing by the pool, beach, or on the patio. Remember to bring along at least one good book to make your relaxation time complete. You can choose from thousands of new books in different formats to suit your personal needs. For example, if you anticipate waiting in long lines at airports this summer, it's helpful to have a book along to make the time go faster. If you are going to be driving to your vacation destination, audiobooks on tape or CD can provide entertainment for the whole

family. Or, with an inexpensive personal CD or cassette player, each person can listen to his/her own book with a headset. Remember: you can renew most items via phone (TalktoMe: 847-965-9575) or online at renewals.webrary.org.

Auto Detailing

Saturday, July 12, at 10 am

Automotive Enhancement Specialist Gary Kouba presents a fun and informative class on everything you need to know about keeping your car looking new, inside and out. Gary will discuss the wide variety of automotive products on the market today and will explain the differences between waxes, polishes, and sealants, as well as their proper application. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.**



Rent a Movie for a Week!

The rental period for feature film videos and DVDs has been increased to 7 days. The rental charge for feature films remains at \$1 and overdues are \$1/day.

Rob Zettl Trio



Saturday, July 26, at 2 pm

The Rob Zettl Trio will be presenting an afternoon concert at 2 pm in the Baxter Room on Saturday, July 26. Come to the Library to hear live music ranging

from original jazz to be-bop to swing. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Book Discussions

Low Vision Book Discussion: Second Wednesday at 1:30 pm

May 14: *In America* by Susan Sontag

June 11: *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon

July 9: *A Light in the Window* by Jan Karon

August 13: *Gap Creek* by Robert Morgan

All Booked Up: Third Thursday Morning at 10 am

May 15: *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry

June: No meeting

July 17: *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver

August 21: No meeting

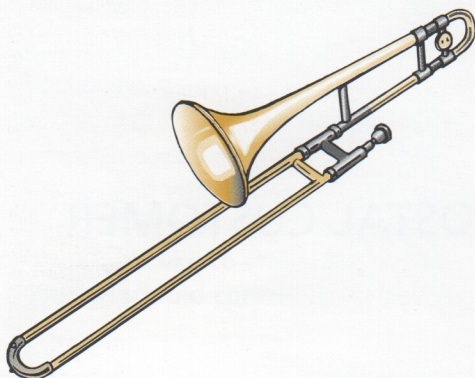
Thinking Out Loud: Fourth Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm

May 27: *Days of Awe* by Achy Obejas

June: No meeting

July: No meeting

August 26: *Stolen Lives* by Malika Oufkir



Babysitting Basics

Morton Grove students age 12 and over are eligible to sign up for this two-day workshop, **Tuesday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 14, from 3:45 - 5 pm**, presented by the Morton Grove Fire Department and the Morton Grove Police Department. The workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. Practical tips for planning activities, the babysitter's role in emergency situations, and safety for children are emphasized. **Registration is required; call 847- 965-4220, or stop by the Reference Services Desk.** Non-Morton Grove residents can sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

New at the Library

The Chicago edition of *Consumers' Checkbook* is now available in the magazine room at the Library. The magazine, published twice yearly, uses the *Consumer Reports* format to evaluate local services. The first issue for 2003 covers such services as auto repair shops, hospitals and cellular phone providers. Ratings are based on customer surveys, reports from the Better Business Bureau, and the consumer protection division of the Attorney General's office.

Teens: Join the Teen Advisory Board!

If you are looking for a fun, creative and useful community service project, join us at the Library and help plan and develop services for teens. The MGPL Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is looking for teens who enjoy working with other teens to develop new programs and services. The TAB meets on the first Monday of every month (except Sept.) at 7 pm. For further information, call Melissa Rice, Teen Librarian, at 847-965-4220.

Art Exhibits

May – Baxter Room: Gabe Kasperek exhibits colorful and humorous photos of brass musical instruments. *Lincoln Ave. Display Case:* Brown bag dolls created by staff at the Park Ridge Public Library.

June – Baxter Room: Liz Schneider displays pen and ink drawings of multicultural scenes and figures. *Lincoln Ave. Display Case:* Erik Tolnai exhibits original ceramic pieces.

July – Art students from Maine East High School exhibit their work in both the Baxter Room and the Lincoln Ave. display case.

August – Baxter Room: Morton Grove resident Rachel Slotnick exhibits oil and acrylic paintings. *Lincoln Ave. Display Case:* Rae Penzin of Park Ridge displays hand-painted boxes, trays, and decorative items.



Lunchtime Videos

Lunchtime Videos is a weekly program that provides both

entertainment and education, plus light refreshments! **Every Tuesday at 11:30 am**, one or two videos are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues, biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Once a month, there is a special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events and a feature film is shown. On May 20, the Niles Senior Center Kitchen Band will perform. Call the Library for other special Tuesday events.



Dr. Gesundheit Presents Clown Therapy

Saturday, May 17, 2 pm



Craig Sjogerman (Dr. Gesundheit) presents a creative, wacky, interactive show for families to enjoy together. Audience members learn how to juggle and are transformed into clowns and into the Flying Zucchini Acrobats. **Registration is required.** Beginning Monday, April 21, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register.

Dramatic Story Reading & Storytelling with Elana Ashley and Ellie Elephant

Saturday, July 19, 10:30 am



Everyone in your family will enjoy the exciting and fun-filled entertainment as Elana and Ellie combine music with dramatic storytelling, weaving fantasy tapestries of songs and stories. **Registration is required.** Beginning Monday, June 30, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register.

ReadToMe!

Tuesdays at 10 am

The Children's Department sponsors a drop-in storytime for children under the age of 6 every Tuesday at 10 am. (An adult must accompany the children.) Two grandmothers volunteer their time to read aloud from selected picture and story books in the Children's Room.

The Mystery Shop

Saturday, June 14, 2 pm

Are you an ace detective? This is your chance to find out! The Mystery Shop will present a "case" to be solved by the audience. Be a member of a team following clues to solve this baffling mystery! **Registration is required.** Beginning Tuesday, May 27, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register. Following the program, stop by the Children's Desk to register for the Summer Reading Program.

Dennis DeBondt: Very Funny Magic



Saturday,
August 16, 2 pm

Magician DeBondt is 6'7" and is known as the Sears Tower of Magic. His magic show provides outstanding family entertainment which blends comedy with exciting magic tricks. **Seating is limited and registration is required.** Beginning Monday, July 28, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register.

Battle of the Books

The final meet of the 2003 Battle of the Books reading competition for seventh and eighth graders was held April 22. Teams from Park View, East Prairie, Old Orchard Junior High, Golf Middle School, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help participated. Check the score board posted outside the Baxter Room for the final outcome.

CALENDAR

Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Kids' webrary and in other Library publications.



Children's Classes

Summer session will begin the week of June 16, 2003. Enrollment is limited and begins May 5. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified when space is available. Summer classes end August 7.

Library Playtime

For 2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit - 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit - 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Class limit - 12

ReadToMe!

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Calendar of Special Events

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: **ReadToMe!** drop-in storytime

5/17	Sa 2pm	Dr. Gesundheit: reg. required
5/24	Sa 2pm	Family Film
6/7	Sa 2pm	Family Film
6/14	Sa 2pm	Mystery Shop: registration required
6/14	Sa	Children's Summer Reading Program, <i>It's a Mystery</i> , begins
6/28	Sa 2pm	Family Film
7/12	Sa 2pm	Family Film
7/19	Sa 10:30am	Dramatic Storytelling with Elena Ashley and Ellie Elephant: reg. required
8/9	Sa 2pm	Family Film
8/16	Sa 2pm	Dennis DeBondt: Very Funny Magic: reg. required



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Every Tuesday, 10 am: **Read to Me!** drop-in storytime
Every Tuesday, 11:30 am: **Lunchtime Videos.**

May

5/2 F 2pm Film
5/5 M 7pm Teen Advisory Board meeting
5/8 Th 7:45pm Library Board Meeting
5/9 F 2pm Film
5/13 Tu 3:45pm *Babysitting Basics*: reg. required
5/14 W 1:30pm Low Vision Book Discussion
5/14 W 3:45pm *Babysitting Basics*: reg. required
5/15 Th 10am All Booked Up Discussion
5/15 M 2&7pm Feature Film
5/16 F 2pm Film
5/17 Sa 2pm *Dr. Gesundheit*: reg. required
5/18 Su 2pm Concert: *Jazz on the Prairie*
5/20 Tu 11:30am Concert: *Niles Senior Center Kitchen Band*
5/22 Th 7pm *After the Oscars*: with Bruce Ingram
5/23 F 2pm Film
5/24 Sa 2pm Family Film
5/25 Su **Closed for Memorial Day Observance**
5/26 M **Closed for Memorial Day Observance**
5/27 Tu 7:30pm Thinking Out Loud Discussion
5/28 W 7pm *What's Going On in the Middle East?*
Archibald Bryant
5/29 Th 7pm *Hot Tips: Investment Resources at MGPL*: Colleen Ringel: reg. required
5/30 F 2pm Film

June

6/2 M Adult Summer Reading Program
Follow the Yellow Book Road begins
6/2 M 7pm Teen Advisory Board Meeting
6/7 Sa 2pm Film
6/11 W 1:30pm Low Vision Book Discussion
6/12 Th 7:45pm Library Board Meeting
6/14 Sa 2pm *Mystery Shop*: reg. required
6/16 M 7pm *Introduction to the Internet*, Part 1 of 3: reg. required
6/19 Th 2&7pm Feature Film
6/23 M 7pm *Introduction to the Internet*, Part 2 of 3: reg. required
6/25 Tu 7:30pm Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion
6/26 Th 7pm *All about Chocolate* with Gail Robinson and Sheryl Rosenfeld: reg. required
6/28 Sa 2pm Family Film
6/30 M 7pm *Introduction to the Internet*, Part 3 of 3: reg. required

July

7/4 F **Closed for Independence Day**
7/7 M 7pm Teen Advisory Board Meeting
7/9 W 1:30pm Low Vision Book Discussion
7/10 Th 7:45pm Library Board Meeting
7/12 Sa 10am *Auto Detailing with Gary Kouba*
7/12 Sa 2pm Family Film
7/17 Th 10am All Booked Up Discussion
7/17 Th 2&7pm Feature Film:
7/19 Sa 10:30am *Storytelling by Elana Ashley and Ellie Elephant*: reg. required
7/26 Sa 2pm Concert: *Rob Zett! Trio*

August

8/2 Sa 2pm Concert by *Mary Anne Riehl Trio*: *Over the Rainbow* and Final drawing for Adult Summer Reading Program
8/4 M 7pm Teen Advisory Board Meeting
8/9 Sa 2pm Family Film
8/13 W 1pm Low Vision Book Discussion
8/14 Th 7:45pm Library Board Meeting
8/16 Sa 2pm *Dennis DeBondt: Very Funny Magic*: reg. required
8/21 Th 2&7pm Feature Film
8/26 Tu 7:30pm Thinking Out Loud Discussion

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at: www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

FEATURE FILMS

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

PG, 96 min, Thurs., May 15, 2 & 7 pm
Nia Vardalos stars as Toula, a devoted daughter in a large, traditional Greek-American family, who gives herself a makeover and embarks on a new career. Her family expects her to marry a nice Greek boy, but she falls in love with Ian (John Corbett), who is definitely not Greek.

Catch Me If You Can

PG-13, 141 min, Thurs., June 19, 2 & 7 pm
Tom Hanks stars as an FBI agent pursuing a young con artist named Frank Abagnale, Jr., (Leonardo DiCaprio) who has been impersonating an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer.

The Emperor's Club

PG-13, 110 min, Thurs., July 17, 2 & 7 pm
A teacher of classics at St. Benedict's Academy for Boys (Kevin Kline as Mr. Hundert) encounters a defiant student who is the son of a prominent senator. Both teacher and student learn some hard lessons about leadership, integrity, and character.

Far from Heaven

PG-13, 108 min, Thurs., August 21, 2 & 7 pm
Beautifully crafted, this film was nominated for several Oscars. Julianne Moore plays Cathy, a housewife whose husband (Dennis Quaid) has a secret gay life. Their black gardener (Dennis Haysbert) comforts Cathy, but their biracial relationship is not accepted by neighbors and friends.

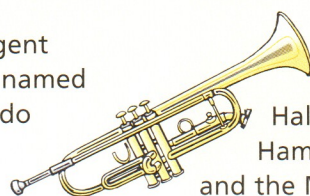
FAMILY FILMS

Stuart Little 2

PG, 78 min, Sat., May 24, at 2 pm
Hugh Laurie and Geena Davis star as the "parents" of Stuart, a mouse voiced by Michael Fox, who befriends an orphaned canary (Melanie Griffith).

The Wizard of Oz

G, 143 min, Sat., June 7, at 2 pm
Judy Garland's performance in *The Wizard of Oz* won her a special Academy Award in 1939. The film is often called the greatest fantasy film of all time. Featured are: Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Billie Burke, Margaret Hamilton, Charley Grapewin and the Munchkins.



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

PG, 161 min, Sat., June 28, at 2 pm
In this second part of the Harry Potter movie series, young wizard Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) returns to Hogwarts despite threats on his life.

Harriet the Spy

G, 102 min, Sat., July 12, at 2 pm
Based on Louise Fitzhugh's book, *Harriet the Spy*, the film stars Michelle Trachtenberg as an 11-year-old aspiring author who records her opinions and observations in a spy journal.

The Wild Thornberrys

PG, 85 min, Sat., August 9, at 2 pm
In this animated film, Eliza, the youngest daughter of the Thornberry family, uses her secret gift of being able to talk to animals in order to rescue a cheetah cub who has been captured by a poacher.

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Fridays in May

Five films featuring different countries will be shown at 2 pm on Fridays in May:

5/2 *Tortilla Soup*, PG-13, 103 min, some Spanish
5/9 *Mostly Martha*, PG, 106 min, German with English subtitles
5/16 *Cinema Paradiso*, R, 123 min, Italian with English subtitles
5/23 *Italian for Beginners*, R, 97 min, Danish with English subtitles
5/30 *Bread and Tulips*, PG-13, 116 min, Italian with English subtitles

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

May 25 & 26 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day

Team Up for Good Reading!

The school-year reading program, *Team Up for Good Reading*, ended March 8. The highest scoring team was the Basketball Team, which included the following readers: Maria Acosta, Abbey Alexander, Kevin Alexander, Daniel Beltran, Sarah Chamness, Robert Chin, Samuel Conrad, Matthew Curtis, Danielle Gomez, Amarah Khan, Joe Kolath, Benjamin Kornstein, Connie Lay-Ngo, Rehan Mohammed, Brett Nagel, John Pondo, Brinda Shah, Jay Shah, and Jayna Shah. The Basketball Team members were invited to the March 15 pizza party along with the following High Readers from the other teams: Gershom Chan, Justine Choe, Derek Hardin, Eugene Kim, Nalani Krishtal, Flo Lee, Jenny Lee, Jeremy Lee, Justin Lee, Rebecca Lee, Andrew Nakashima, Michelle Poskrobko, Nicole Poskrobko, Jessica Simkins, Kacie Simkins, Eric Tanaka, Michelle Tanaka, Alina Wallin, Zack Wallin, Nicholas Wong, and Tyler Wong. Congratulations to all the readers who participated!

After the Oscars: An Evening with Film Critic Bruce Ingram

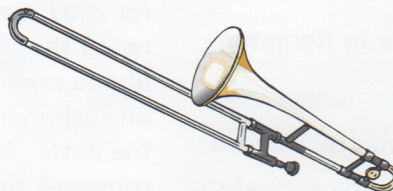
Thursday, May 22, at 7 pm

Film fans won't want to miss this discussion of the 2003 Academy Awards. Pioneer Press Film critic Bruce Ingram will present excerpts from films that were nominated for awards and will discuss the artistic, political, and economic factors that determined the winners. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

All About Chocolate

Thursday, June 26, at 7 pm

Gail Robinson and Sheryl Rosenfeld, owners of Marly Chocolates in Evanston, will discuss the origin, processing, and marketing of different kinds of chocolates. Sample a variety of chocolate and compare the different flavors. **Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.**



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